"But You, Beloved" Pt. II

Opening: Upon completing a study of the main paragraph of Jude we began to consider his final statement. In turning from his Spirit-breathed comments regarding false teachers (vs. 5-16) he began to teach us how we are to respond (vs. 17-23), earnestly _____________ ______ the ________.

A. In the 20th verse Jude returns to directly address the beloved, ________________ us how we are to contend for the faith in our practices. After learning that we begin to contend for the faith by remembering the apostles’ teachings, we now learn __ act by __________ the teachings to ourselves.

I. As the beloved of God we are to ________________ contend for the faith by:

A. ________________ ourselves up on our most holy faith.

1. It is the “most ______ faith” for it is founded by the Holy Father, established by His Holy Son, and witnessed by His Holy Spirit for the exclusive ________ of the Triune God, and that as opposed to the false faith of false teachers by which they seek to advance their own profit.

2. This is what we are to build ourselves up on: the ________________ of our most holy faith which has been proclaimed by the Word of the Apostles, with ________ Christ Himself being the Chief Cornerstone.

B. ________________ in the Holy ________.

1. The most holy faith calls us to ___ an obedient people __ ____________.

2. As Grant Osborne teaches, Jude’s call for us to pray in the Holy Spirit is a “reference to the Spirit as the sphere within which prayer is to occur.” And Edwin Blum wrote, “Christians are to be praying in the Holy Spirit. Because all believers have the Spirit, they are to pray according to the __________ ______ (set forth in the written Word and made known by inner promptings) to accomplish God’s work by God’s power.” And Macarthur writes, “When we pray in the Holy Spirit we submit ourselves to Him, rest on His wisdom, seek His will, and trust in His power”.

3. ____________ plays a major role in the success of our being built up in our most holy faith. With prayer being an __________ element in our contending for the faith Jude exhorts us who are in the Holy Spirit to pray.

C. ________________ ourselves in the _____ of God.

1. Here is a command that we should submit to God living ______ the umbrella of ______ ______, standing steadfast, refusing to go the way of false teachers who are outside the blessings of His love being, instead, under His wrath.
2. Dear church, Jesus commands us to abide in His love which He followed by saying, John 15:10, “If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love; just as I have kept My Father’s commandments, and _________ ___ His _______.

3. In our remembering the apostles’ teachings let us be careful to remember that God loves us with an undying _______________ ______, and let this remembrance serve as a great preserving seal set around your heart and mind so that you will not turn from Him but rather will be _______________ yourselves in His love, contending earnestly for the faith.

D. ______________ anxiously ___ the mercy of our Lord __________ Christ to eternal life.”

1. What a God-wrought purifying _________ does our waiting anxiously for the return of our Lord have upon us who _______ Him! By this we contend for the faith: maintaining the _________ of the church, that we would continually ready ourselves in the eager anticipation of our soon coming Husband in all His glory! “You must be ready!”

2. Hendriksen wrote, “A Christian waits with eager expectation for the day of judgment in which Christ’s ________ will _________ him. … this text calls attention to the judgment day when all believers will experience ‘the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ,’ but all the wicked will receive their just reward.”

3. The hope of ______________ life keeps our momentary sufferings in their proper ______________!

a. What awaits us is eternal _______, and this is more than merely an endless existence, it is life ______ ______ ________, in perfection, in the highest and fullest sense, in the unending presence of the Christ who loved us and died for us and has given us new life! Eternal life is life divine!

Finally then: Beloved, in contrast to the false teachers who have infiltrated the church seeking to bring you down, you are to ______________ for the faith by remembering the teachings of the apostles, building yourself up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit, keeping yourselves in the love of God, waiting anxiously for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ to eternal life.

And by these Spirit-wrought graces so will you endure unto the end. Think of it both day and night: Earnestly contending for the faith as Jude here prescribes results in this glorious end: We will ______ _________ in all His glory, and so shall you be like Him! Amen!

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